

Ards Camera Club – Annual Competitions

Each year in Ards CC we have several competitions that we are involved with –

- NIPA interclub competitions (5 rounds).
 - Ards CC have adopted NIPA rules for the purpose of running competitions, definitions of Advanced and Novice members. (see Competition Rule for both Ards and NIPA for details).
- Quadrangle – includes 3 other UK camera clubs (Wrexham, Corby & Hamilton).
- Print battle with CPA CC (Prints only).
- In-club: Triptych/Story board & AV
- In-club: Sinclair evening
- Ards Annual Exhibition - This is the highlight of the season showcasing our best work and is held at the end of the club year.
- Roy Finlay Natural History Competition. Affiliated to NIPA but hosted by Ards CC.
- NIPA Novice Competition – all NIPA novices NI wide.

Other competitions that run annually

- Will McCrum large Portrait Competition 2025 – 26
 - Hand in date TBC
 - Results and feedback TBC
 - Large Print only competition
 - Please use the link for rules from CPA website
<https://cpacameraclub.co.uk/will-mccrum-memorial-cup/>
 - Both Colour & Black and white prints accepted
- Tom McLaughlin Irish Landscape Competition. (more details to follow)
- Some members enter Panels that lead to a qualification/distinction or enter Salon competitions. If this is of interest, please speak to the Competition Secretary and they will point you in the direction of someone who can help.

For all competitions, it is the entrant who is responsible for carefully checking the appropriate rules. When in doubt, ask.

1. NIPA Rounds 1 – 5 - Inter-club

Five rounds of Club photography made up of Colour prints, B&W prints and PDI's (Projected Digital Image). These 5 competitions go towards the internal club league & the NIPA inter-club Competition.

Prints should be presented with a mount no bigger than 40x30cm

PDI's Must be in jpeg format and sRGB colour space.

Sized to a maximum of 1600 pixels wide and a maximum of 1200 pixels high.

In each Round you can enter up to 3 Colour Prints, 3 B&W prints & 3 PDI's.

The same image can only be entered a total of 3 times but if it is placed i.e. 1-4 it cannot be entered again. Any image given a Commended or Highly Commended may be re-entered.

Closing dates must be adhered to.

Some images are chosen to represent Ards at NIPA level and are scored out of 15 by 3 NIPA judges. Scores 13-15 scoring images are awarded a Star.

2 Stars means a novice changes to advanced level immediately.

The Committee encourages all members to make use of the in club critique evening before each round of competition.

Note: Rounds 1, 3 and 5 subjects are 'Open'

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Round 2 (Genre): Macro

Round 4 (Themes): ICM (Intentional Camera Movement).

Speakers are planned to cover these two subjects before Rounds 2 & 4.

As of this club year i.e. 2025-26 we are introducing a critique evening before each competition. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this can bring a print or PDI along for advice from Advanced members. All comments will be given in a positive, helpful manner and while this is voluntary, we would encourage as many members as possible to make use of this service.

2. Quadrangle

- This is an all PDI competition and entries should be sized 1920x1080 pxls

- Up to 4 entries per member
- Closing date TBC
- Actual night of Quadrangle TBC
- Judge to be chosen by hosting club and will be confirmed later.
- This will be held via Zoom.

3. Print battle with CPA CC (Prints only).

- Prints only, either 50x40cm or 40x30cm mounts
- Either colour or B&W
- Usually includes 15 images per club (this may change, as agreed with the club involved)
- Alternate hosting. This year CPA will host.
- Date on our Programme.

4. In-club: Triptych/Story board & AV/ Sinclair Evening & Club Exhibition

Will be explain closer to the night.

How to resize a PDI – please excuse any repetition

[Resizing images for PDI Comp.pdf \(ardscameraclub.co.uk\)](#)

How to resize a print (Youtube video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-rf0aus6zc>

NIPA Competition Rules

<https://www.nipphoto.co.uk/files/ugd/1acce835eb885f0db435c98cb3ae3686cbd43.pdf>

(please copy the link above into your web browser.

Non competition & useful links

- [http://www.ardscameraclub.co.uk/docs/info-page/ARDS-CC Rules \(Constitution\) amended 19-January-2014 v2b.pdf](http://www.ardscameraclub.co.uk/docs/info-page/ARDS-CC%20Rules%20(Constitution)%20amended%2019-January-2014%20v2b.pdf)
- [http://www.ardscameraclub.co.uk/docs/info-page/Child Protection Policy amended June-2017.pdf](http://www.ardscameraclub.co.uk/docs/info-page/Child%20Protection%20Policy%20amended%20June-2017.pdf)
- <http://www.nipphoto.co.uk/>
- [What We Do – The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain \(thepagb.org.uk\)](http://www.thepagb.org.uk/)
- [The Royal Photographic Society - Home - RPS](http://www.rps.org.uk/)

FYI

All PDIs are sent via We Transfer – email to be issued at a later date.